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SUBJ: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO
NEPAL

REF: A) STATE 202164; B) STATE 202267

1. PLAN OUTLINED IN REFS A&B STRIKES ME AS VERY
USEFUL EXERCISE TO PROVIDE MISSION WITH GUIDELINES
TO HELP SHAPE OUR EFFORTS AND ACTIVITIES IN
NEPAL IN COMING YEAR. GENERALLY CONCUR IN LIST
OF GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AS SET FORTH IN REF A WITH
FOLLOWING COMMENTS, SUGGESTION, ADDITIONS.

A. ON ASSUMPTION GOALS AND OBJECTIVES ARE NOT
LISTED BY PRIOTITY BUT HAVE ROUGHLY EQUAL
VALIDITY, THEY ARE WELL ORGANIZED AND STATED.

B. GIVEN ADMINISTRATION'S DECLARED INTENTION TO
PARTICULALRLY LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES LIKE NEPAL,
BELEIVE MORE EXPLICIT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THIS
ACTIVITY SHOULD BE MADE AS OBJECTIVE IN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE.
INSURE THAT OUR BILATERAL AID STRATEGY INCLUDING BOTH
AID AND PC PROGRAMS IS RATIONAL AND RELEVANT AND
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REFLECTS BOTH US EMPHASES AND NEPAL'S OWN PRIORITIES
AND REQUIREMENTS. END QUOTE.

C) WE YIELD TO NO ONE IN OUR CONCERN FOR WELFARE
OF AMERICAN CITIZENS BUT WE WONDER WHETHER SECOND
POINT UNDER BILATERAL RELATIONS IS NOT OVERSTATED.
IT IS ONE THING TO INSIST THAT OUR CITIZENS

RECEIVE EXPEDITIOUS AND EQUAL TREATMENT UNDER NEPALESE LAW AND ALL THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTION AVAILABLE UNDER LOCAL JUDICIAL PROCESS. THIS WE SEEK TO DO AND IS AN IMPORTANT GOAL AND OBJECTIVE FOR THIS EMBASSY. HOWEVER, TO "ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF IMPROVED PROCEDURES FOR THE DISPOSITION OF CASES..." IMPLIES BASIC REFORMS IN THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THIS COUNTRY FOR WHICH NEPAL'S

TRADITIONAL CULTURE AND QUASI FEUDAL SOCIAL POLITICAL AND LEGAL SYSTEMS ARE NOT YET READY. ACCORDINGLY, SUGGEST THIS POINT BE AMENDED ALONG LINES OF SECOND SENTENCE IN THIS PARAGRAPH.

D) NARCOTICS ITEM UNDER BILATERAL RELATIONS: SUGGEST ADDING QUOTE AND DISCOURAGE CONSIDERATION OF LEGAL OPIUM PRODUCTION END QUOTE. NEPAL CONTRIBUTES HASISH TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFIC AND EVEN THOUGH LITTLE REACHES US AS FAR AS WE KNOW, WE SHOULD OF COURSE DISCOURAGE THIS ACTIVITY, HOWEVER, FAR MORE IMPORTANT OBJECTIVE IN OUR JUDGEMENT IS TO KEEP NEPAL WHICH IS NOT CURRENTLY OPIUM PRODUCING COUNTRY FROM BECOMING ONE.

E) REGIONAL STABILITY AND COOPERATION:
SUGGEST ADDING QUOTE AND DEVELOPMENT END QUOTE TO
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END OF FIRST OBJECTIVE, AS DEVELOPMENT OF NEPAL IS ONE OF BASIC REASONS FOR OUR BEING HERE.

F) US MULTILATERAL OBJECTIVES. SUGGEST DELETING REFERENCE TO NEPAL'S MEMBERSHIP ON NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING COMMITTEE. ACCORDING LATEST DATE WE HAVE (IO/ML MEMO TO NEA AND OTHERS DATED AUGUST 9, 1977) NEPAL IS NO LONGER MEMBER THIS GROUP.

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